

SENATE BILL 791

By Bowling

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4;  
Title 8; Title 29 and Title 39, relative to Bill of  
Rights sanctuary states.

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States, through the Bill of Rights, protects the rights of citizens to decide on matters which concern their lives, liberty, and property in the ordinary course of affairs; and

WHEREAS, those rights are inalienable, non-transferable, and protected from infringement by state, federal, or local governments under the Ninth, Tenth, and Fourteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, is amended by adding the following as a new chapter:

**4-59-101.**

The general assembly declares the following:

- (1) Tennessee is a bill of rights sanctuary state;
- (2) The Constitution of the United States, including the amendments, and the Constitution of Tennessee must be enforced according to the plain meaning of each word; and
- (3) The guaranteed rights in the United States Constitution do not come from the federal government and cannot be taken away by the federal government.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.